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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

1. World Office International publication no. WO 99/00935, published January 7, 1999.
2. U.S. Patent publication no. 5,729,681 published March 17, 1998.
3. Siegmund, Gerd, "ATM-Die Technik". 3. Auflage, Heidelberg, Huthig-Verlag 1997, Titelblatt + Impressum +S.347

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